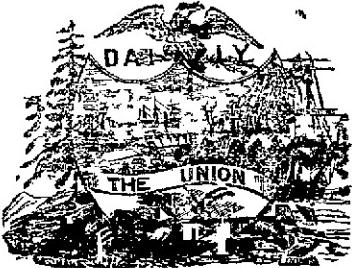


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WINNING A HOMESTEAD.

Horace Greeley's advice to young men on of employment was to "go west and grow up with the country." Rodney Welsh a Chicago journalist, who has a high reputation as a writer on all subjects that are closely related to agriculture, makes this utterance of the sage of Chappaqua the text of a lay sermon full of warning to the impudent laborer who is ignorant of the difficulties that await him at the West. He underlines with little honest and small knowledge of the farmer's calling to cultivate his homestead and conduct a household supporting a family. Mr. Welsh says there is very little free land adapted to general cultivation outside the two Dakotas. In reality he knows nothing of the Pacific Northwest. Assuming that a poor man may succeed in finding a quarter section of land in the country secure as a home at the expense of going to the land office registering his claim and returning to his claim will hardly ever be less than \$600. The quarter section of land that Mr. Welsh has in mind's eye must be in Duluth or he says there will not be a tree a ring or stream on the place and no "livin' " within forty feet of the surface of the ground. To break forty acres of sod will cost \$100. No crop can be raised the first year save it is the growing season is too short to mature corn. The next year the land may produce a fair crop of small grain and corn, but a full crop can not be expected until the third year and not then unless the weather is favorable. The cost of breaking land, tending crops, of breeding horses and farming implements will not be less than \$500. The necessities of life upon the virgin farm will not cost less than \$350 including a sod house for the family and outbuildings for the horses and cattle. A city laborer who planned "to go West and grow up with the country" would have to support his family for two years and spend \$1000 in preparing his homestead for occupation and fitting it to produce enough to support his family. Of course, if nobody came West save men who were ignorant of the rudiments of agriculture and stock raising, and if nobody went outside of Dakota for a homestead, this picture of the absurdity of a poor man "going West to grow up with the country" would not be overdrawn. But as a matter of fact, as early as the days of the first military surveys D. C. L. was described as vastly inferior to the Pacific coast in the opportunities and advantages it offered the energetic and enterprising to achieve success. Dakota suffers in summer often from drought, and its winter climate is severe. In Western Oregon and Washington there is ample proof that the farmer is always sure of a crop, and the winter is so mild that the expense of feeding stock throughout the year is small. In Dakota the opportunity for diversity of employment is small. A farmer stranded in Oregon could find work as a logger or as a miner. He could probably get a living as a tenant farmer and pay part of his rental in labor for his landlord. In a land like the Pacific coast, a man bred on an Eastern farm, could even if poor, find something to do that would help him ultimately to secure a homestead of his own. Of course when Greeley said to young men, seeking employ "Go West and grow up with the country," he was not talking to young men who had become stranded either as artisans, farmers or laborers through incorrigible, in dolence, or improvidence, or intemperance,—for there is no opportunity anywhere for such men who spend their lives in spoiling the horn while pretending to be both able and anxious to make a spoon.

Greeley was talking to young men of health, strength, energy and industry, who were sincerely anxious to get up and get on in the world. Such young men might honestly fail in a land like Dakota, but they would hardly be likely to fail in a land like Oregon and Washington well timbered with a fertile soil that needs no irrigation to produce great crops of wheat vegetables, grapes, apples, peaches and all the smaller fruits of the temperate zone. These young men would no more need to fail than did the poor young men who were the pioneers of Oregon and Washington at an early day when the country was new and its industries not more diversified than those of Dakota to-day. Of course a really able, sober industrious artificer does not need to leave the great cities of the East to find employment by breaking a western homestead tract, but a far more bred man, whether native or alien ought to do well on the part of the Pacific coast. The ordinary, illiterate, impudent Scandinavian, Belgian or Irish immigrants have been wonderfully successful in redeeming cheap land to agriculture not only at the West but even in the small deserted farms of New England, and there is no reason why equally sturdy men of small resources could not get on in this part of the Pacific coast. Dakota is not far removed from the Atlantic coast. An annual good crop is not secure, there is little timber, one coal there is no sea coast with which to compete for fishing or coasting trade; there are blizzards in winter, drought and cyclones in summer, and this diabolical picture is not reproduced in Oregon and Washington where there are the natural conditions that insure great wheat crop annually, a better and more remunerative crop than the corn crop which divides with wheat the agriculture of Iowa, the bruska and Kansas.

EXTREME HIGH LICENSE.

The recent conviction in the Pittsburg courts of four ward aldermen and nine detectives for blackmailing the proprietors of illegal liquor saloons common known as "Speak Easies" is freely commented upon.

"Speak Easies" is freely commented upon the crime of which they were convicted and charged against high license. It is recited that before the enforcement a year and a half ago of the Brooks high license law in Alleghany county, speak easies were unknown while there were 2000 saloons doing business openly. A strict interpretation of the law has reduced the number of saloons to 200 while the illicit liquor dens has increased in the proportion that the other has diminished.

The method of procedure was the same in the case of all of the officials convicted. The detective gave information against "speak easies" proprietors churning violation of the Brooks law and thus by arrangement with the ward magistrates compromised the cases for a money consideration. Growing restive under the heavy tribute frequently levied upon their profits, the "speak easies" people began to talk on the outside about the matter and the result was the work up of the cases which terminated in sending the aldermen and the detectives to the penitentiary for terms varying from one to three years.

All this only proves that excessive high license is a mistake, the results of which are similar to those of prohibition. It is indeed prohibition under another name and it should be a matter of no surprise that its fruits are the same. Both excessive license and prohibition are unwise since both engender crime lead to more or less open disregard to the law, encourage rather than diminish drunkenness and provoke black mail among public officials.

The law as interpreted by the judges in Pittsburg, reduced the number of saloons from 2000 to 200 at a single stroke. This amounted to virtual prohibition in many parts of the city—notably in those districts than swarm with laboring men of the class who consider their beer not less a right than

a necessity, and the result was the establishment of places where liquor was sold contrary to law, with the knowledge of officials who were paid to keep silence. The accounts is similar to those that come from Maine and other prohibition states. It proves simply that when high license trounces upon prohibition it engenders crime and makes plain the fact that apetite cannot be abolished by legal enactment.

A NEW ENGLAND SPECIAL PLEA.

Edward Atkinson, the Boston statistician divides with David A. Wells the honor of leadership of the economic school which is devoted to the interest of the New England manufacturers. Look at every fact from the point of view of his interest and shape all his economic principles and formulates all his beliefs with a view to his profit. In a paper lately read before the New England Cotton Manufacturers' Association, he undertaken to deal with the most stubborn group of facts that confront his school as well as the most serious state of things that confronts the manufacturers in whose interest that school is maintained. That is to say, what the public would like to know now is who are the blacketters? Most of those whose names have been given in connection with it discuss all known lie of it as they have no interest in it and they had nothing to do with it. In my opinion, but I am not a lawyer, the reason is that the company has been instrumental in the fact that it is not a corporation. Somebody conceived it somebody has hoped to win it through and to make a pile of money out of it.

Should the job be well forward he will undoubtedly be found who will tell him to wait out through the action of members of the council and other city officials who may kind a hand in the undertaking and through the movements of the "operators" who will immediately begin schemes of specie upon the franchises that have sprung. The company has had the best part of the bargain is affected by the large fortunes that its members have made through the last few days by the exercise of power by some who are the blacketters.

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MONDAY'S COURT RECORDS.

Action Brought Against J. Thorburn Ross, of the R. E. T. & T. Co.

New Term—List of Jurors—Various Legal News
Notes—A Number of Cases Tried
Before Judge Tanner.

James Thorburn has begun proceedings in the circuit court against J. Thorburn Ross, manager of the Real Estate Title and Trust Company, which promises to be of much interest. Thorburn says that in February, 1887, he copyrighted the "Thorburn Index" in the office of the congressional Librarian.

His complaint further averred that in May of that year Ross, with an intent to cheat him, fraudulently secured control of his invention. Ross is alleged to have falsely told the plaintiff that he was man of wealth and could secure co-operation of capitalists who wished to manufacture and sell it. Thorburn denied this, but he failed to comply with any clause of a contract of this nature subsequently entered into.

The complainant set up that Ross, on the other hand, manufactured and sold the right to use these books on his own account, without allowing Thorburn to share in the profits.

Thorburn claims that he has been damaged in the sum of \$20,000, and asks judgment for that amount.

Ross is also accused of appropriating a system of marking and perfecting title to abstracts, which he had copyrighted. Ross is accused of deviating from his original agreement, and further requests that the contract be annulled.

THE NEW TERM.

The January term of departments Nos. 1 and 2, state circuit court, began yesterday morning, and C. C. Bogart and A. B. Stewart were recognized as the leading lawyers in the field.

Judge Starnes accepted very few excuses from those summoned to act as jurors for the current term. In fact, he gave them who desired to shirk the duty a chance to do so, but none availed to chance at all to get off. Out of the list of thirty-one taxpayers drawn, he excused Peter Taylor, John H. Scott, John A. Richardson, Henry Holgate, Jackson Peacher, a farmer, temporarily by reason of his inability to reach this city in time to serve on the jury, and John W. Coons, one who leaves at about noon. Thomas Bishop was excused till his term as United States legislator expires. Mr. G. History, absent from the state circuit court, was excused on the part of the defense.

John H. Scott, Charles Cleghorn, Leander Lewis, John M. Scott, Henry Hollingsworth, S. Fitz, John F. Gandy, John E. Penney, John E. Phillips, E. P. Wright, William Gordon, J. E. Penney, William T. Legg, C. F. Plympton, John E. Richardson, John Failla, Courtney D., Corporals E. G. Pratt, John H. and Corporal H. J. Gilbert, Company K. IV. Upon recommendation of their company commander, the following will be appointed:

—Private T. H. Masters and S. A. Elliot, Company

For continuous neglect of duty—Corporals W. E. Bell, L. G. Allen, C. Hill, F. H. Bigelow, D. Burtschell, R. F. Donovan, W. W. Fletcher,

John F. Gandy, John F. Gandy, John Gandy, J. J. Simonds, W. Schuler and G. W. Full, Company I. Their names will be stricken from the records of that regiment, and their places to this command will be filled by the following:

V. Commandants of companies will make return of the service of this order to the adjutant not later than Friday evening.

By order of COL. Bering.

G. TELFORD, First Lieutenant and Adjutant.

NEWSPARAGHES.

The telephone last night included twenty-four tons of manganese.

The project of an addition to the armor has

had to be given up for the present year, one reason being the large tax fixed to the state levy.

Associated men to open a new office in Portland.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association is to begin studying up again, with a view to

entertainments in the coming season.

The Young Men's Hebrew Association is to be reorganized in March

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